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DEATH OF A NOTED AMERICAN WRITER.

Kate Field Succumbs to Pneumonia after Short Illness.

"SINGING IS PARADISE TO ME."

Her Last Words Before Delirium Set In—Record of a Brilliant Woman. Funeral Services—Handsome Floral Tributes—Government Officials Attend—Central Union Church Full.

The steamer W. G. Hall arrived in port at 1:15 Tuesday with Miss Kate Field aboard, dying from pneumonia which she contracted on the island of Hawaii. She was removed to a cottage on the grounds of Dr. McGrew, Hotel street, where death ensued shortly before 3 o'clock.

The first appearance of the disease which resulted in the death of Miss Field was in Kailua, while at the boarding house of Miss Paris. This was on Wednesday, May 13th. Deceased complained of feeling pains in her chest, but did not consider the matter serious.

With her usual zeal for work, she told Miss Paris that it was her intention to go on to Kaawaloa and from there to the volcano on the journey that she had mapped out in the beginning.

Miss Paris accompanied Miss Field to Kaawaloa. Upon arrival at that place Miss Field went to the Greenwell's. It was there that her condition began to grow worse, and Miss Paris remonstrated with her as to the inadvisability of going on to the volcano, to such good effect that she heeded the advice and decided to return to Honolulu.

While at Kaawaloa awaiting the arrival of the steamer W. G. Hall, her condition kept growing worse. The Hall arrived Monday, with Dr. Adriance of the yacht Coronet on board. Upon seeing Miss Field he pronounced her a very sick woman, but did not think she was dangerously ill.

As soon as she arrived aboard, Dr. Adriance took charge of her and kept administering restoratives, to which the disease yielded but temporarily.

During the evening some of the Coronet party grouped in the neighborhood of Miss Field's stateroom on the port side of the steamer, and began singing familiar songs. When it was suggested that it might disturb her, she answered in a manner characteristic of the woman:

"No, indeed! Singing to me is a paradise compared with the quiet of the country. Don't talk to me about the quiet of the country, with chickens cackling, roosters crowing and dogs barking—wow! wow! wow!"

After this utterance she seems to have responded to the soothing effect of the music, and went off to sleep.

Dr. Adriance remained with his patient. At 2 o'clock Tuesday morning he noticed a decided change for the worse, which showed itself plainly in the labored breathing and the purple of the lips. At 8 o'clock she was still conscious, but her pulse had reached 130. Shortly after she became unconscious and remained so until just a few seconds before death.

Between 7 and 8 o'clock she was just barely able to give the address of some of her friends in Chicago and Washington.

At 9 o'clock Captain Simerson gave orders to push the Hall to her utmost speed in order, if possible, to reach port before the death of Miss Field.

Upon arrival in port, Dr. Herbert and United States Charge d' Affaires Consul General Mills were telephoned for and arrived in a very short time.

Drs. Adriance and Herbert held a short consultation, after which Mr. Mills telephoned to the U. S. S. Adams for a stretcher and some men. Hardly had the order been given when six blue-jackets in charge of the apothecary came over in a steam launch and conducted Miss Field to one of the cottages on the grounds of Dr. McGrew, where she died as stated above.

Just before breathing her last, Miss Field opened her eyes and smiled in recognition of Mrs. McGrew, who was at her side.

Kate Field was born in St. Louis, Mo., October 1, 1840. When a young girl she with her mother and sister removed to Chicago, where Miss Field adopted the stage as a profession, appearing first at McVicker's Theater. Being a woman of strong individuality, the doubtful success to be achieved as an actress made her abandon the stage for the rostrum, delivering lectures through the United States, meeting with success wherever she spoke.

She was a strong advocate of suffrage

for women, claiming that men's rights were women's rights, and that they were entitled to them. She was also an advocate of dress reform, but she never became a leader in either movement.

For the purpose of studying Mormonism and exposing the doctrines followed by the Utah sect, Miss Field took up her residence in Salt Lake about twelve years ago and became thoroughly acquainted with the workings of that church. It was Miss Field's master stroke, and to her efforts as much as to anything else, is due the reforms that have taken place in that territory. The day she took her departure from Salt Lake the Tribune of that city published the following editorially:

"Miss Field is probably the best posted person, outside the high Mormon church officials and others who have been in the church, on this institution, in the world, and its effects upon men, women and governments. With a fixedness of purpose which nothing could swerve, and with an energy which neither storm, mud, snow, cold looks, the persuasions or even the loss of friends, could for a moment dampen, she has held on her course. In the Tabernacle, in the ward meeting house, in the homes of high Mormons, and when these were closed against her, in the homes of the poor, she has worked upon the theme, while every scrap of history which offered any light upon the Mormon organization she has devoured. Mormonism has been to her like a fever. It has run its course, and now she is going away. If she proposes to lecture, she ought to be able to prepare a better lecture on Mormonism than has ever been delivered; if a book is in process of incubation, it ought to be of more value than any former book on this subject. Lecture or book will be intense enough to satisfy all demands. The Tribune gives the world notice in advance that Miss Field has a most intimate knowledge of the Mormon Kingdom."

The information obtained by Miss Field during her stay there resulted in the introduction and passage by Congress of what is known as the "Cutler" bill. The Grand Army of the Republic in the United States recognized her services and made her an honorary member of Kit Carson Post, No. 2, of Washington, and she was presented with a handsome diamond-studded Grand Army badge by members of the post.

For her successful efforts in securing free admission to the United States of French works of art intended for exhibition at the World's Fair, Miss Field was decorated by the French Government with the Order of Arts and Education.

For six years prior to her coming to this country she owned and edited "Kate Field's Washington," with offices in the Corcoran building. It was during this time that she toured the country lecturing in the interests of the California wine growers, and being successful in her aim, she was given a handsome sum by the wine men, but she won the cordial dislike of the W. C. T. U. throughout the United States.

As a public woman and a writer she was known all over the world. In Washington she was a recognized power in the lobby during the Republican administrations of the last twenty years.

To the writer, in speaking of her newspaper, she said:

"It was not a glorious success, but it was hard work, and I wanted a rest after losing \$75,000, so I turned the key in the door and left. I may start again, but it will be when I have \$100,000 capital behind me."

Just prior to closing her paper she suffered severe mental strain while trying to break her aunt's will. This was Miss Field's nearest relative, and when dying she left her vast property to a nurse. It was a great expense to Miss Field, and the impossibility to secure witnesses from other parts of the country (the trial was in Rhode Island) resulted in her losing the case.

Her latest achievement and the one she was most proud of was the restoration of John Brown's Harper's Ferry fort.

Since her advent in Honolulu she has written many pithy letters to the Chicago Times-Herald, which paper had sent her here to write on—not up—annexation. Her opinion was to be formed here, and her letters showed that she was prosecuting her work faithfully. She was untiring in her efforts to get at the bottom of every public matter, and while her letters were not always fresh news to the people of Honolulu, the facts were put together in a manner that added new life to the subject.

She was an excellent conversationalist and could entertain a room full of people with greater ease than the average woman can a half dozen. She was not demonstrative as a rule, even with her most intimate friends. She was a business woman rather than sentimental. At the Hawaiian Hotel, where she roomed, her closest friend was Mrs. Mills, wife of the United States Charge d' Affaires and Consul General. They spent many pleasant hours together. In a volume which Mrs. Mills has there appears on a leaf in Miss Field's writing.

"May we meet again on our native heath—Kate Field."

That was written the day before she left for her tour of Hawaii. On that tour she intended to personally investigate the condition of the Hawaiians and obtain their views on annexation. Her labors were not complete when illness cut her down.

When the Hall arrived at the wharf yesterday afternoon Consul General Mills was at once notified, and he promptly visited the steamer and took charge of Miss Field's effects and arranged for her removal. Through him

a detail of men from the Adams came ashore and carried her to the residence of Dr. J. S. McGrew, who kindly offered every facility for the care of the invalid. Much credit is due Mr. Mills for the promptness with which the removal was made, and to Dr. Adriance of the Coronet, through whose ministrations Miss Field was kept alive until the steamer arrived here. Mr. Mills gave his personal attention to all matters of detail of the funeral, which takes place at 4 p. m. today from Central Union Church, at which Rev. Douglas P. Birnie will officiate. The remains were embalmed by H. H. Williams and will be placed, through the kindness of John H. Paty, in his vault in Nuuanu Cemetery.

Mr. Mills stated last night that he would notify his Government by letter, and that Hon. W. O. Smith would cable the announcement of the death on his arrival at Hong Kong. Mr. Mills will also notify H. H. Kohlstaad of the Chi-

met by Rev. D. P. Birnie, who led the way to the front of the pulpit, reading the burial service, "I am the resurrection and the life."

When the casket was placed in front of the pulpit the quartette composed of Miss Grace Richards, Mrs. E. C. Damon, W. W. Hall and J. Q. Wood sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." Psalms were read by the pastor and the quartette sang "Lead, Kindly Light" most effectively.

There was no oration; nothing was said regarding the deceased, of her life, her work or the pathetic features of her death far away from her native and much beloved land. The presence of such a multitude of friends and the mass of cut flowers and designs was greater praise of the character of Kate Field and the esteem in which she was held by the people in Honolulu than anything that could have come from the lips of an orator.

As the body was being removed from

Adams; ex-Judge Hartwell, B. L. Marx, A. de Souza Canavarro, Charge d' Affaires, Portugal; Maj. Geo. C. Potter, A. St. M. Mackintosh, Mons. Vizevona, Charge d' Affaires, France; P. C. Jones, Judge A. W. Carter, Senator McCandless, officials of the various departments of the Government, members of the consular corps, members of the Legislature, and representatives of the press.

The funeral cortege entered the cemetery to the strains of the dirge played by the Hawaiian Band stationed near the vault where the remains will rest for the present. The vault had been beautifully decorated with flowers and upon the wall near the head of the coffin a large American flag was draped. This was a particularly appropriate tribute to the intense loyalty of Kate Field to her country and her love for the flag of the American Union.

The casket was borne to the tomb, where loving hands arranged the many floral tokens in and about the tomb, making the last resting place of Kate Field in Hawaii a veritable bed of flowers. The choir sang the last hymn. Rev. Dr. Birnie said the final prayer and the door of the tomb was closed. Many a friend remained to add a last touch to the floral tributes of love and respect, to perform some kind and thoughtful act, which proved that although far from home, the noted newspaper woman had passed her last days among friends.

The exercises as a whole passed off in the most pleasant manner possible. All that kind friends could do was done. Consul General Mills was untiring in his efforts to have every detail of the funeral and the final disposition of Miss Field's remains and personal effects as near perfection as possible. In Dr. McGrew's home, where Miss Field had passed so many pleasant hours during her life in Honolulu, everything possible was done to make the last sad rites thoroughly in keeping with the true American home.

Shortly after the announcement of Miss Field's death a touching incident occurred which showed the place her name holds among the common people of her country. Two American negroes, laborers in Honolulu, came to Dr. McGrew's residence and offered to assist in any way possible in caring for the remains. They stated that they had no money, they could not buy floral tributes, but Miss Field had always been a friend of the negro and had done what she could to improve the condition of the race in the Southern States. They would like to do something as a mark of appreciation and respect.

As kind hands had done all that could be done at that time, Dr. McGrew thanked them and gave assurance that their kindness would not be forgotten. During the noon hour before the funeral on Wednesday one of the men went to Dr. McGrew's in his working clothes and asked if he might have a last look at the earthly remains of the woman who had done so much for his race. Although the casket had been closed and sealed, the doctor remembered his promise and granted the request.

HEALTH BOARD MATTERS.

One Member of the Press to Go to Molokai.

Dr. Crane Appointed Government Physician of the two Kona—Dr. Monsarrat's Meat Report.

A meeting of the Board of Health was held yesterday afternoon, with Dr. Emerson in the chair as President.

Dr. Monsarrat reported on the inspection of meat at the slaughter house. The matter of condemning cattle with tuberculosis was reported.

Dr. Monsarrat said that a cow had been killed recently and that the Metropolitan Meat Market Co. had been notified to take her away on account of the tuberculous condition. No one came and the carcass was sent to the Kalihi Fertilizer Works.

The Board sustained the action of Dr. Monsarrat.

Dr. Monsarrat asked what he should do in the case of cattle injured on the steamers and in a high state of fever. Laid over.

The Board agreed to notify Dr. Lindley that after the 31st of July his services as Government physician of South Kona would be no longer required.

Dr. Crane was appointed Government physician of both North and South Kona, the appointment to date from August 1st.

C. A. Brown moved that a member of the press be allowed to go to Molokai with the Board. Motion carried, the press to agree on the member.

C. A. Brown moved that hereafter Superintendent Meyer of the Leper Settlement be authorized to purchase all the goods for the Molokai store, in the name of the Board, the bills to be signed by him and sent to the office of the Board as other bills. Carried.



MISS KATE FIELD.

cago Times-Herald, Claus Spreckels of San Francisco and C. M. Foulke of Washington, D. C. These names were given Dr. Adriance by Miss Field before she lost consciousness.

The final disposition of the remains will depend entirely upon the news which Consul General Mills receives from the United States. About the time she was preparing for her visit to the Islands a coast paper published a statement to the effect that Miss Field had said she was going to Hawaii and might die there; if she did, she wanted her re-

turned to the church, the bearers carrying it up the Eastern aisle, Mrs. Judd, who presided at the organ, played "Home, Sweet Home." It was a surprise to those present, but it was a pleasant one. It was an innovation, and one that was in keeping with the character of the tired woman whose life's journey was at an end and she was going home.

The handsome flowers sent in by friends were banked up in front of the pulpit during the services, and were afterward removed to the vault. Several of the designs were handsome, notably



WHERE KATE FIELD RESTS.

remains taken back to the United States and buried by the side of John Brown at North Elba, New York.

Kate Field, whose life was not all sunshine, not always free from annoyances which beset the path of a woman who starts out determined to carve her fortune in the world, was laid at rest in the Paty vault, Nuuanu Cemetery, Wednesday afternoon.

That her visit to Honolulu resulted in materially lengthening the list of friends and acquaintances she had made was evidenced by the number of people who attended the funeral services at Central Union Church yesterday. The assembly was not one made up of curious ones, but of those who knew her in life.

A few minutes before 4 o'clock the casket containing her remains was removed from the residence of Dr. J. S. McGrew to the church. Charge d' Affaires Ellis Mills, ex-Minister L. A. Thurston, ex-Minister W. R. Castle, Dr. J. S. McGrew, Vice Consul General W. Porter Boyd and Wallace R. Farrington, editor of the Advertiser, as pall bearers, bore the remains to the door of the church, where they were